



Transportation District 3
Volume 1, Issue 1
April 14, 2003

Inside this issue

Study approved	1
Public meeting invitation	2
Advisory Committee	2
WIS 15 alternatives	3
Project schedule	3
Letters of support	4

Contact information

Rob Wagner
Project Manager
Phone: (920)492-5983
E-mail:
robert.wagner@dot.state.wi.us

Kim Rudat, APR
District Communications
Manager
Phone: (920)492-5743
E-mail:
kim.rudat@dot.state.wi.us

If you have questions or concerns about this project, contact any of the above representatives



WIS 15 Study New London to Greenville

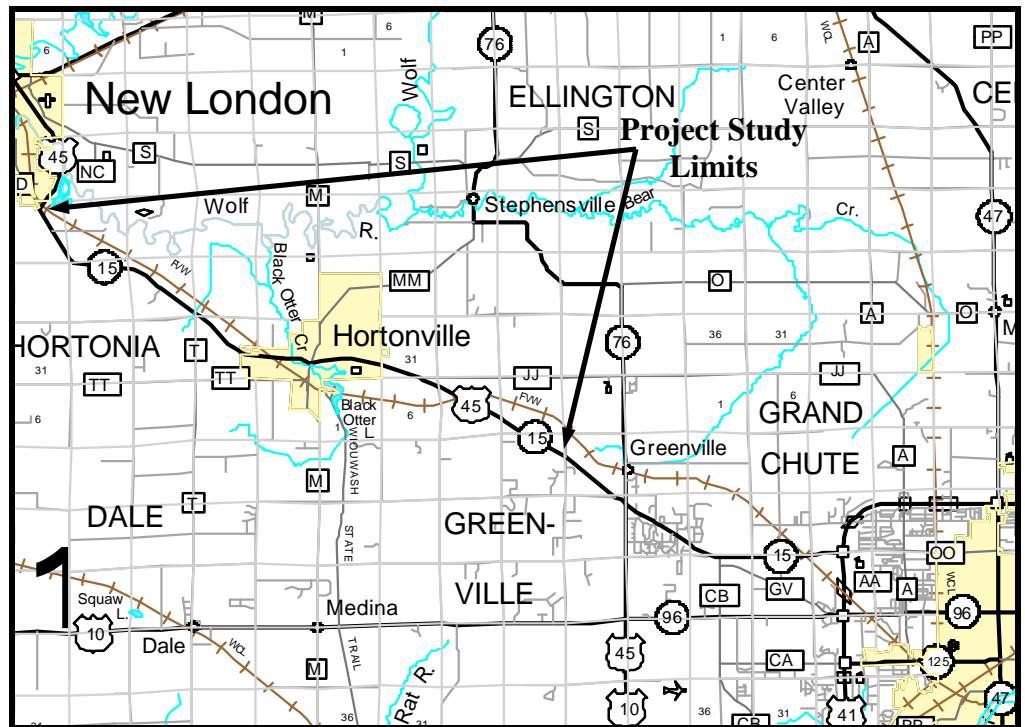
Transportation Projects Commission approves WIS 15 for study

The Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) approved a portion of WIS 15 for study late 2001. The portion of WIS 15 approved for study is from New London to Greenville.

The study WisDOT will complete is an environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will include information

and consideration of environmental factors for transportation improvement alternatives.

The required EIS will provide information to governmental agencies and the public and will aid in the decision making process for the selection of the preferred transportation alternative.



WIS 15 project study limits approved by the Transportation Projects Commission.

A newsletter published by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to keep citizens informed.

Major Highway Projects Process

Concept to Completion

Step 1

Develop System Plans

WisDOT develops a long range plan (20 years) that looks at the "big picture" of the future of highway corridors in state.

Step 2

Analyze Project Needs

The Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) selects and approves projects for environmental study after analysis of transportation needs on roadways statewide.

Step 3

Environmental Impact Study

WisDOT conducts an EIS to identify the impacts of project alternatives. This includes impacts on social, economic, agricultural, archaeological, historical, and natural resources.

Step 4

TPC Approval

The TPC meets in even number years to evaluate projects statewide and recommend projects for construction or "enumeration". Projects should demonstrate ability to enhance the state's economy, improve traffic flow, enhance safety, serve the community, and minimize environmental impacts.

Step 5

Design and Construction

Final design and construction plans begin on enumerated projects.

First public information meeting scheduled

You are invited to attend a public information meeting about WIS 15. WisDOT will hold a public meeting to provide information and hear public comment regarding the WIS 15 environmental study. The meetings are scheduled for May 28, 2003. Two duplicate sessions are scheduled for your convenience. One session is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the other is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hortonville Community Center located at **312 West Main Street** in Hortonville.

Information displayed at the public meeting will include:

- Highway alternatives
- Traffic data
- Environmental areas

- Land use

WisDOT staff, Highway 15 advisory committee members and local officials will be available to answer questions.



Highway 15 advisory committee provides direction

How important is the Highway 15 advisory committee's role in the environmental study process? Committee members represent their communities and are responsible for providing direction in the decision making process.

They are the eyes and ears of the local communities. The committee's involvement will contribute towards a supported transportation recommendation.

Highway 15 Advisory Committee Members

Outagamie County

Alvin Guerts
Director of Public Works 920-832-5673
 Mike Hendrick
County Planner 920-832-5255
 Marvin Obry
County Supervisor 920-779-6436

City of New London

Kent Hager
City Administrator 920-982-8500

Village of Hortonville

Roger L. Retzlaff
President 920-779-6011
 J. Everett Mitchell
Administrator 920-779-6011

Town of Hortonville

Kevin Bolssen
Chair 920-779-0264
 Dennis Clegg 920-779-6028

Town of Dale

Marcia A. Kelly
Clerk 920-779-6769

Town of Ellington

Orville Nelson
Chairperson 920-779-6186

Town of Greenville

David Tebo
Administrator 920-757-5151

Hortonville School District

Dr. Gregory Joseph Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools 920-779-7900

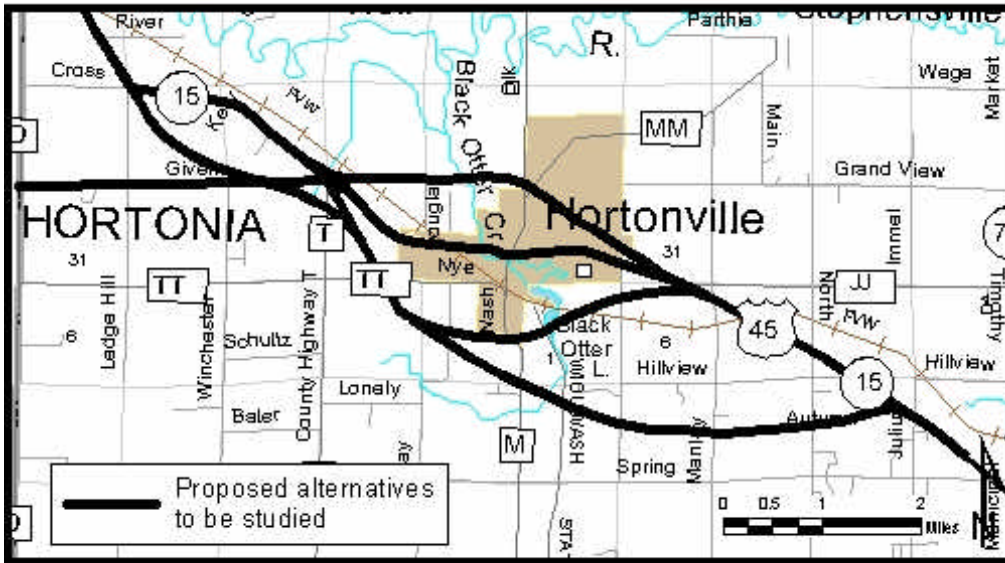
Citizens

Ed Heyes 920-739-6311
 Pat McNicols 920-779-4940
 James Olsen 920-779-7000
 Paul Bernegger 920-982-7739
 Robert Schneider 920-779-6738
 Tom Olk 920-779-4277

WIS 15 potential alternatives include bypasses of Hortonville

The map shows potential WIS 15 alternatives. Alternatives include WIS 15 remaining on existing alignment or on new location. Whereas these alternatives are likely to be chosen for the environmental impact statement (EIS) study, they are not

finalized. Input from the upcoming public informational meeting on June 12 and concurrence from cooperating agencies will determine the alternatives to be studied. It is important that you attend the meeting to share your comments with WisDOT staff.



WIS 15 bypass alternatives.

The WIS 15 environmental study limits are from the US 45 bypass in New London to approximately Julius Road in Greenville.

Project history and timeline

The following is a WIS 15 history and projected timeline.

- **February 2001**—Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH), consultants for WisDOT, completes the New London to Greenville corridor plan.
- **August 2002**—SEH completes a second corridor plan along the WIS 15 corridor, from Greenville to US 41.
- **Winter 2002/2003**—WIS 15 alternatives developed with cooperation of the advisory committee and presented to cooperating agencies.
- **Spring 2003**—Newsletter published and public meeting conducted.
- **Spring/summer 2003**—Present the corridors to be studied in the EIS. Information gathering begins to evaluate the cost and impacts of alternatives.
- **Summer 2003**—Mail newsletter to update the public.
- **Winter 2003/2004**—WisDOT analyzes collected data for each alternative.
- **Spring 2004**—Newsletter published and public meeting held to present the impacts of the alternatives being studied.
- **Spring/summer 2004**—Submittal of the draft EIS to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.
- **Summer 2004**—Public hearing held and open period allowed for comments on the draft EIS.
- **Fall 2004**—WIS 15 advisory committee meets to recommend preferred alternative.
- **Fall 2004**—WisDOT selects preferred transportation alternative and presents choice to the public. Newsletter published.
- **Late fall 2004**—TPC determines the enumeration of WIS 15 and other highway projects in the state.
- **2005**—Final EIS approved.
- **2011 or later**—Begin construction of WIS 15. Construction is contingent on approved funding or “enumeration”.

Transportation District 3

944 Vanderperren Way
P.O. Box 28080
Green Bay, WI 54324-0080

Phone: 920-492-5643

Fax: 920-492-5640

Email: greenbay.dtd@dot.state.wi.us



WisDOT

WisDOT, local officials, legislators receive letters from citizens

WisDOT, would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to write letters or contact legislators, local officials and WisDOT staff regarding this project. A number of the contacts have come with questions, comments and suggestions. This kind of interest on the part of citizens is great and helpful. All we can say is, "Keep 'em coming."

When you write, please include contact information so we can make sure you have a spot on

our mailing list. Additionally, comments are recorded and included as part of the corridor selection process.

Contact information is included on this newsletter. Additionally, you can find a copy of this newsletter (and other transportation information) on the WisDOT web site by clicking on www.dot.wi.gov/projects/d3/index.htm.